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Federal Election Commission  
ATT: Robin Kelly  
Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Kelly,

To offer additional clarification to the contributions that appear on our FEC reports as being designated to August 2010 primary we have done so based upon the Commissions findings in Advisory Opinions 2004-20, 1982-49 and 1976-58, Connecticut's nominating process can result in two separate elections. First, a candidate receives the endorsement of his or her party at the state party convention. If no other candidate receives at least 15 percent of the endorsement vote at the convention, and if no member of the party files a petition with at least two percent of the party members in the State or district within 14 days after the end of the convention, then no later primary is held for that office, and the party-endorsed candidate is deemed lawfully chosen as the nominee. But if another candidate receives at least 15 percent of the endorsement vote at the convention, or if a member of the party timely files a petition with the required number of signatures, then a later primary will be held for that office.

Most recently in Advisory Opinion 2004-20, the Federal Election Commission found that the Connecticut convention nominating process and the state primary are separate elections. Hence, Friends of Chris Dodd (the "Committee") accepts contributions for both the May convention primary (reported as "Primary") and a potential August primary (reported as "Other-August 2010 Primary"). The Committee understands that if an August primary is not held, it must refund or redesignate contributions raised for this election.

Thank you and if there are any questions or additional information is necessary please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Damato  
Assistant Treasurer

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Contributions are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Corporate contributions, contributions from individuals under the age of 18, and contributions from non-U.S. citizens are prohibited.

An individual may contribute \$2,100.00 for each election and federal multi-candidate PACs may contribute \$5,000.00 for each election; primary and general. Checks should be made payable to "Friends of Chris Dodd".

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